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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
OAKLAND DIVISION

MUHAMMAD RAGHIB HUSSAIN,

Plaintiff,

v.

PETER KEISLER, Acting Attorney General of
the United States; MICHAEL CHERTOFF,
Secretary of the Department of Homeland
Security; EMILIO GONZALES, Director of
United States Citizenship and Immigration)
Services; ROBERT MUELLER, Director of the)
Federal Bureau of Investigations; CHRISTINA)
POULOS, Director of the USCIS California)
Service Center,

Defendants.

No. C 07-5444 SBA

**PARTIES' JOINT REQUEST TO BE
EXEMPT FROM FORMAL ADR
PROCESS**

Each of the undersigned certifies that he or she has read either the handbook entitled "Dispute Resolution Procedures in the Northern District of California," or the specified portions of the ADR Unit's Internet site <www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov>, discussed the available dispute resolution options provided by the court and private entities, and considered whether this case might benefit from any of them.

Here, the parties agree that referral to a formal ADR process will not be beneficial because this action is limited to plaintiff's request that this Court compel defendants to adjudicate the

1 application for naturalization. Defendants have already requested the FBI expedite the name check
2 so that the application may be processed as soon as possible. Given the substance of the action and
3 the lack of any potential middle ground, ADR will only serve to multiply the proceedings and
4 unnecessarily tax court resources.

5 Accordingly, pursuant to ADR L.R. 3-3(c), the parties request the case be removed from the
6 ADR Multi-Option Program and that they be excused from participating in the ADR phone
7 conference and any further formal ADR process.

8 Dated: January 25, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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16 Date: January 25, 2008

/s/
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18 **ORDER**

19 Pursuant to stipulation, IT IS SO ORDERED.

20 Date: 1/31/08

21 *Saundra B. Armstrong*
SAUNDRA B. ARMSTRONG
United States District Judge